

**NSC BRIEFING**

**16 May 1957**

**POLISH PARTY PLENUM**

- I. First meeting of Polish party's central committee since historic October revolution now in session.
  - A. Gomulka, in opening speech, reaffirmed independent course for Poland.
    1. Said Soviet Union's road to socialism "certainly not" acceptable to all other countries, even without Stalin.
    2. On other hand, warned sternly against factionalism ("revisionism", "dogmatism") in party.
  - B. Reaffirmation of Polish independence may be related to Chinese support.
    1. Recent Mao speech has been widely quoted by "liberal" Polish journalists as further indication Chinese sympathy for Poland.
- II. Unconfirmed reports state that 3 strong Gomulka adherents will be added to Politburo (Defense Minister Spychalski, Deputy Internal Affairs Minister Moczar and Gomulka's trouble-shooter Kliszko).
  - A. Also rumors that Stalinist leader, Nowak, to be added.

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